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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-6,9-11,14-16,18-20 and 22-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-6, 9-11, 14-16, 18-20 and 22-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Amendment, filed 02/25/05 has been entered. Claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 14-16, 18-20 and 22-28 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 11, 12, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Signal cannot be directed to a process, machine, manufacture or composition of matter, defining four categories of invention to be appropriate subject matter of a patent..

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 14-16, 18, 20, 22, 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rustad in view of Black (Black. Voice over IP. Prentice Hall 1999, page 84).

3. Regarding claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24 Rustad teaches a method, an article, a signal, an apparatus and a framer comprising:

Transmitting and receiving a DSL stream (Fig. 13 and 18:65-67, 19:1-7, 19:56-60) over a telephone line (single local loop line 308 on Fig. 13 and 19:22-29) with a first proportion of voice signal to data signals (switched channels 12, 14, 16 and digital data path 20 on Fig. 1, 6:30-67, 7:1-12) when a telephone (19:5-7) coupled to receive the communication stream is in a first state (off-hook, carry switched data communication 7:13-21), wherein the voice signal comprises

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a voice channel (switched channel 16 on Fig. 1) that includes both audio signals and line signals corresponding to the voice channel (voice and robbed-bit signaling on Fig. 4 and 5, 8:5-45); and Transmitting a second communication stream over the telephone line (single local loop line 308 on Fig. 13 and 19:22-29) with a second proportion of voice signals (switched channels 12, 14 and digital data path 20 on Fig. 2, 7:13-41) to data signals when the telephone is in a second state (switched data communication is terminated 7:13-21), wherein the line signals corresponding to the voice channel (robbed-bits on Fig. 4 and 5, 8:41-63) and no audio signals from the telephone (unswitched data signals in channel C3 on Fig. 4 and 5, 8:59-67, 9:1-7) are transmitted and further wherein bandwidth of the voice channel (the most significant seven bits 8:53-58) used for the audio signals when the telephone is in the first state is used for data signals when the telephone is in the second state (on-hook state 8:62-65).

Rustad teaches transmitting the data signals according to HDSL, SDSL and VDSL (10:16-20).

Rustad does not teach using ADSL in the system.

Black teaches using ADSL (Black. Voice over IP. Prentice Hall 1999, page 84).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to add using ADSL of Black to the system of Rustad, to utilize widely known and available technology.

4. In addition, regarding claims 16, 20 and 24, Rustad teaches

a control circuit (controller 120, monitor 134 and detector 136 on Fig. 6 and 11:7-26) coupled to a telephone (switched data equipment 102 on Fig. 6 and 9:45-51, 19:1-7) and a source of data signals (unswitched data equipment 106 on Fig. 6 and 9:52-64) to determine the status of the telephone (11:7-26) and generate one or more control signals (11:7-26) and

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a framer (carrier interface 126 on Fig. 6 and 10:16-20) coupled to the control circuit and the telephone (switched data equipment 102 on Fig. 6 and 9:45-51, 19:1-7) to allot a channel to carry control, data and audio signals in both states (9:65-67, 10:1-25).

5. Regarding claims 4, 9 and 14, Rustad teaches the voice channel in the first proportion comprises an 8-bit signal transmitted at 8 kHz (Fig. 4 and 5, 1:32-55, 8:14-18) and the line signals in the second proportion comprises a 1-bit signal transmitted at 8 kHz (robbed-bit signaling bits A, B, C and D on Fig. 4 and 5).

6. Regarding claims 25-27, Rustad teaches the first bandwidth, comprising 64 kbit/sec (off-hook bandwidth, voice and signaling of C2 on Fig. 4 and 5, 8:25-58) is greater than the second bandwidth, comprising 8 kbit/sec (robbed-bit signaling bits A, B, C and D of C3 on Fig. 4 and 5).

7. Claims 19, 23 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rustad in view of Black in further view of Darveau (US 123456789).

Regarding claims, 19, 23 and 28, Rustad in view of Black substantially teaches all the limitations of claims 19, 23 and 28 including framer, receiving signals from a telephone, passing voice and signaling in off-hook state and signaling in on-hook state to DSL link, including other modifications and variations of the disclosed system (19:42-60).

Rustad in view of Black does not teach using two multiplexers.

Darveau teaches using two multiplexers (MUX 68 and MUX 54 on Fig. 2A and B, 3:55-67, 4:1-52).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to add using two multiplexers to the system of Rustad in view of Black, as a hardware oriented implementation of the system.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed 02/25/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

On page 10 of the Response, Applicant argues that because ADSL is not interchangeable with DSL it would not be obvious to add ADSL to the system of Rustad.

Examiner respectfully disagrees.

Rustad teaches using Very High-rate Digital subscriber Line (VDSL) in his system. VDSL is known as a variation of ADSL (Black, Voice over IP, Prentice Hall 1999, page 84), making obvious to use ADSL in Rustad system as one of the well known DSL technologies utilized on a local loop.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dmitry Levitan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3093. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on (571) 272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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